

And it is a strategy that recognizes that many things can contribute to a community's vulnerability, including changing demographics and shifts in the nation's wealth distribution.

As a result of this program, I foresee a stronger partnership between scientists at the cutting edge of climate research and city planners who are on the front lines of the battle with nature's violent side. I challenge our best scientists to turn some of their attention to shorter-term climate and weather variations and produce the kind of assessments and resiliency research that can help all of our citizens, from elected officials and first-responders to farmers and families. Strengthening our communities makes America stronger, and that is what this bill is all about.

# INVESTING IN AMERICA'S FUTURE ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

**HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 5, 2002*

The House in Committee of the Whole House of the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4664) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2003, 2004, and 2005 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes:

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 4664, the Investing in America's Future Act, which authorizes the National Science Foundation (NSF) and places the foundation on a track to double its budget in five years and to bolster undergraduate science, math, and engineering education. This measure authorizes a 15 percent increase in funding for the NSF for the next three years, starting with \$5.5 billion in FY 2003, increases funding for major research equipment, and requires NSF to submit reports to Congress that will aid in the management of the foundation.

The NSF has the mission of supporting science and engineering in general and funding basic research across many subject areas. The majority of the research supported by the NSF is conducted at our nation's colleges and universities. The monies from NSF help with scholarships, fellowships, and the recruitment and training of our next generation of researchers and scientists. This funding ensures that America's scientists are competitive in the global marketplace.

NSF funding is a critical factor in determining whether students pursue postgraduate degrees in science and engineering. Doubling the NSF's budget will strengthen science research, development, and education. America's future directly depends on research conducted at our nation's schools. In fact, just this morning I meet with a group of researchers in my district, from Johns Hopkins, that rely on grants from NSF to conduct research. Many medical and technology breakthroughs have occurred because of the NSF funded basic research.

Millions of dollars have been given to schools and school districts in my state of Maryland and across the nation. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased that Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and minority education and outreach programs will benefit

from the across-the-board increase in NSF's budget. Two HBCU's, Morgan State and Coppin State, in my district, will be able to continue and expand programs at their institutions because of NSF support. Additionally, the Maryland State Department of Education has used NSF funds to improve school curriculum and encourage bright and talented students to pursue careers in the sciences.

I would also like to thank the Science Committee and Congresswoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON for all of her hard work and her unfailing support of NSF. She has been a champion for the doubling of NSF's budget.

Being the leader in math, science, and engineering research is important for our nation and the world. In order to achieve this goal, federal investment is imperative. This is a good bill because it does invest in America's future and deserves the support of all of my colleagues.

# TRIBUTE TO ELIZABETH RICHARDSON

**HON. MARK UDALL**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2002*

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Elizabeth H. Richardson, a citizen of Colorado, who for the past 38 years has been a vital member of our State's political, educational and social fabric.

Elizabeth has recently retired from Colorado Open Lands, where she served with distinction for the past ten years, working to preserve Colorado's open space for future generations. Her commitment to Colorado's environment continues today with her service on the Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts. Elizabeth has also served on the Board of Thorne Ecological Institute and was a member of the Denver Chamber of Commerce's Energy Legislation Task Force. Her interest in public lands and open space was also enhanced by her service as a director on the Colorado Open Space Council. It is through these outstanding commitments to Colorado's environment and her devotion to the protection of our Western lands that Elizabeth has set a shining example for all who choose to serve their country and their communities.

A native of Massachusetts, Elizabeth graduated from Radcliffe College and completed graduate studies at the University of Southern California and the University of Denver, as well as studying ecology at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

Elizabeth came to Colorado in 1963 where she quickly became a political force to be dealt with. A member of The League of Women Voters since 1963, she has chaired their Environment Committee, served as the League's Metro Denver President, and lobbied on environmental and transportation issues at the Colorado State Legislature.

Colorado's public servants have also benefited from Elizabeth's commitment to their campaigns and staffs. She has served as a House District captain for more than 20 years, was a county campaign coordinator for Democratic National Committeeman Ray Kogovsek, served on the transition committee for Governor-elect Richard D. Lamm, has been a campaign manager for Denver City Council

member Doug Linkhart, served as the Issues Coordinator for Josie Heath for U.S. Senate, has been the treasurer of Colorado House of Representatives member Andrew Romanoff, and served on the senior policy staff of Governor Richard D. Lamm. Elizabeth also was twice a candidate for the Colorado House of Representatives, in 1976 and 1980.

Her commitment to lifelong learning and teaching began in 1959 when she was an assistant biology teacher in Australia and continued as a drama teacher in Concord, Massachusetts in the early 1960's. She has since served on the Denver Public Library Friends Foundation and has been a steadfast member of the Simon's Rock College of Bard Order of Directors for more than a decade. Elizabeth's passion for learning continues today with her 20 years of leadership on the Board of the Rocky Mountain Women's Institute, guiding this outstanding regional organization which supports and promotes women artists, writers and scholars.

A writer, a reader, a teacher, a community activist, a proud mother and grandmother, an adventurer and world traveler, but most importantly, a role model for us all. Colorado—its lands, its schools, its public servants and its citizens—owe Elizabeth Hall Richardson gratitude and appreciation for her dedicated service.

I wish her well in her future endeavors as I am sure she will continue to improve the quality of life in Colorado.

# IN TRIBUTE TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB

**HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 6, 2002*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to a praiseworthy group of women from my home state of Delaware, the Sussex County Republican Women's Club.

Fifty years ago, in 1952, the Sussex County Republican Women's Club began its many years of service to the community on the Federal, State, and local level. Today, I join the club in celebrating their 50th anniversary, and applaud the impact their organization has had on our State.

Revered and respected by their peers, these women have spent the last 50 years working to promote a diverse base of political activism in Sussex County. From the beginning, they focused on promoting the tradition of a two party system, encouraging civic participation in the county and throughout the state and educating voters about the Republican message of low taxes and individual empowerment.

They have been instrumental in electing Republican candidates in Delaware and maintaining a unified base for party activity in the state's most rural county. Through work on various campaigns, fundraisers and get-out-the-vote efforts, the Women's Club has always remained a strong advocate for both the needs of Sussex County citizens and the goals of the Republican Party.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication and resolve that the Sussex County Republican Women's Club has maintained over the